

ABSTRACT

GRAPHIC IMAGE CODING

- 5 An image encoding apparatus (Fig. 4) is configured to receive data defining respective colour values for pixels arranged in rows and columns (Fig.1 and 2) to make up an image. The apparatus being applies coding for the pixel colour values, suitably through run-length encoding, to provide image compression. The apparatus is configured to encode images as either
- 10 sequential rows or sequential columns of pixel data, in dependence on which direction requires less storage. A reconfiguration of the apparatus (Fig. 4), as a decoder for such compressed images, is also provided.

FOOTNOTES